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For: SUBSTRATES SPECIFIC TO VON  
WILLEBRAND FACTOR CLEAVING  
PROTEASE AND METHOD OF ASSAYING  
THE ACTIVITY

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted  
in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.